

May 3, 1985

TO: File

FROM: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Reclamation Engineer *pgl*

RE: Syntana-Utah Rationale for Leaving All Sedimentation Ponds, ACT/047/021, Uintah County, Utah

Fred Glover, a consultant for the Syntana-Utah project, called on April 29, 1985 to discuss the response to the January 16, 1985 Division review letter. He wished to state the reasons why the Company wants to leave the retention dams. The major reason is to enhance the wildlife environment. There are supporting letters from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (Vernal office) and the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) that favor maximizing water development in the area.

The reasons are:

1. DWR, BLM and Syntana-Utah support enhancing wildlife environment in this area;
2. There is no water on Syntana-Utah land except down at the White River;
3. The water will help nongame species and will distribute livestock grazing;
4. All retention dams serve as an oasis in the desert environment;
5. Removal of any retention dams has a negative impact on wildlife.

If the Division found it absolutely necessary to remove some retention dams, #2 and #5 could be removed. However, the Company is not in favor of removing any.

In addition, Mr. Glover said that he would be sending the bond estimate references soon.

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cc: Sue Linner
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